Dear Council Members of the Honolulu City Council:

I wish to submit my support for the Dyslexia Tutoring Center of Hawaii, Inc. (DTCH).

Working at a private school, I see that there is an increase of students requiring help which DTCH offers our community. It is so very important that DTCH continue to receive funding so that they may remain accessible to all children and/or adults in need of their service.

The Dept of Education is overwhelmed trying to keep up with all the specific needs of our disadvantaged, disabled, homeless and unmotivated children. DTCH is specifically addressing the needs of the disabled adults and children in such a way that they will be able to maintain some successes in our society.

My son graduated from Kalani HS, and although he was placed in a regular classroom, he required special needs. He was able to succeed because I pursued the necessary help that he required that DOE could not provide. DTCH provides parents an option to get such assistance, once they maintain some successes, these students are mainstreamed into schools of their choice.

Our state needs to continue to support agencies which help our students advance to better or higher education. With this, Bill 11(2013) CD2, supports the acquisition or lease of a property or properties that shall serve as a center (or centers) to tutor individuals in reading, writing, spelling and handwriting. With continued support in funding, DTCH will be able to expand and reach out to our community by offering aid to more who are in need of managing their disability.

With deep appreciation, I assure you our people deserve your vote of confidence in support of DTCH.

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